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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

Rocheleau, John W.)

Serial No.: 09/764,473)

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For: PIPE FLANGE AND)
PIPING SYSTEM)

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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Sir:

1. My name is John W. Rocheleau of 82 Warren Street, Apt. #2, Concord, NH 03301 and I am the sole inventor of the above-referenced patent application.
2. I declare that the invention claimed in the present application has been licensed to Taco, Inc., of Cranston, RI. Taco is the largest manufacturer and distributor of circulators in the United States and has been manufacturing and selling flanges under this license for over eighteen months.

3. I declare that I spent three years and over \$100,000 in developing tools to solve the problem solved by the present invention. This development resulted in 5 patent applications being filed and numerous prototypes being developed. It was not until after this development that I conceived of the claimed invention.
4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any application or patent issuing thereon.

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